
By: **Delegates Shank and Donoghue**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Contributions to Volunteer Fire Company Substations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the County Commissioners of Washington County to
4 contribute annually a certain amount of money to certain volunteer fire
5 company substations under certain circumstances; providing for the termination
6 of this Act; and generally relating to Washington County Volunteer Fire
7 Company substations.

8 BY adding to
9 The Public Local Laws of Washington County
10 Section 1-108(e)
11 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)
13 (As enacted by Chapter 248 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 22 - Washington County**

17 1-108.

18 (E) IN ADDITION TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
19 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE
20 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONTRIBUTE 50% OF THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY
21 AN ESTABLISHED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY TO A SUBSTATION OF THE
22 ESTABLISHED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, THAT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

23 (1) THAT SUPPORTS A NEWLY DEVELOPED AREA WHERE THE
24 POPULATION WAS SPARSE PRIOR TO THE NEED;

25 (2) THAT HAS WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM MORE THAN 51% OF THE
26 PROPERTY OWNERS WHERE THE SUBSTATION IS LOCATED;

1 (3) THAT IS LOCATED AT LEAST 5 MILES FROM THE BORDERING
2 ESTABLISHED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY; AND

3 (4) THAT SUBMITS A DETAILED FINANCIAL PLAN TO THE COUNTY
4 COMMISSIONERS AT LEAST 90 DAYS BEFORE THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR BEGINS.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 June 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May
7 31, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
8 abrogated and of no further force and effect.